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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7343

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DEPT PASS SECDEF WASHDC; USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN, GER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, ET, IR, US

SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REQUEST FOR IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: TEHRAN 5718

1. ETHIOPIAN VICE-MINISTER OF FINANCE ASHENAFI SHIFFERAW CALLED ON ME MORNING OF JULY 16 TO FILL ME IN ON THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSION FOREIGN MINISTER GEBRE-SELASSIE HAD WITH THE SHAH ABOUT POSSIBLE IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. HE SAID THAT GEBRE-SELASSIE HAD ASKED THAT IRAN EITHER PROVIDE FROM ITS OWN INVENTORY OR AGREE TO A DIVERSION FROM PRODUCTION-RUNS CURRENTLY INTENDED FOR IRAN-12 F-5-ES AND 11 M-60 TANKS. GEBRE-SELASSIE ALSO ASKED FOR \$100 MILLION LINE-OF-CREDIT TO HELP FINANCE THESE PURCHASES. SHIFERAW CONFIRMED WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY TOLD ME JULY 12 THAT THE SHAH HAD INDICATED HE WANTED TO CONSULT WITH THE US BEFORE REACHING A DECISION AND THAT HE HAD SPECIFICALLY TALKED ABOUT DESIRING OUR ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA. I TOLD SHIFERAW THAT I HAD AS YET RECEIVED NO INFORMATION.

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ATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON BUT HAD REASON TO BELIEVE

THAT THEY WOULD BE COMING SHORTLY. I PROMISED TO KEEP THE ETHIOPIAN
AMBASSADOR BELACHEW JEMANEH, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM, INFORMED.
JEMENAH, WHO IS RESIDENT IN ANKARA, SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RET-
URNING TO HIS POST TOMORROW, JULY 17.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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